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KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO USE OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OBTAINED BY FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Wayel Aly Nureldin, 45, Kansas City, Kansas, entered a guilty plea on January 26, 2004, before U.S. District Judge G. Thomas VanBebber to one count of using a Social Security Number obtained by fraud.

Melgren stated that Nureldin admitted at his plea that on August 29, 1988, he used the name Wayel Aly Nour El Din to apply for and receive a social security number with the Social Security Administration. Nureldin further admitted that on September 13, 1996, he used the name Wayel A.M. Nur Eldin to fraudulently apply for and receive a second social security number with the Social Security Administration. Nureldin also admitted that he used the fraudulently obtained social security number to obtain a license to practice medicine so that he would obtain employment with the University of Kansas Medical School and be awarded a position in the Graduate Medical Education program.

Nureldin faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for April 12, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General and the FBI in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.